Drought assistance to Maharashtra

1804. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1040 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned to Maharashtra is inadequate to meet various relief measures for mitigation of drought situation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to sanction more financial assistance to overcome the drought situation there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Total assistance to Maharashtra for 2003-04 drought amounts to Rs. 1158.83 crores. It consists of Rs. 208.14 crores from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), Rs.250.69 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and 7 lakh MTs of foodgrains, costing Rs.700 crores, under special component of Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), for relief employment.

DAP fertilizer industries

1805. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various remedial measures taken and proposed to be taken to protect all the domestic DAP fertilizer industries in India and the Indian farming community;

(b) the total number of DAP fertilizer industries closed, so far; and

(c) the total number of DAP fertilizer industries declared as sick?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) is a decontrolled fertilizer. However, to ensure availability of DAP to farmers at affordable price, Government is providing subsidy/concessions on indigenous & imported DAP and announcing the indicative MRP of DAP under the Concession Scheme of decontrolled fertilizers. The subsidy/ concession is worked out on indigenous DAP as per the methodology based on the recommendations of Tariff Commission. The separate